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July 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral E. A. Burkhalter, Jr., USN
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Department of Defense's Nuclear Weapons
Master Plan (NWMP-II) Intelligence Study


I appreciated an opportunity to review the draft NWMP-II Intelligence Working Group report attached to your memorandum of June 30.

I share your view that the report does not give adequate attention to the intelligence support which the President would require in his roles as Chief of State and Chief Executive during general nuclear war. I suggest that this point be brought out by John McMahon when he meets with the Executive Review Board on July 11. Perhaps the report itself should state that the primary emphasis in this study is to project the intelligence capabilities needed for the Presidential role as Commander-in-Chief and that support for the other Presidential roles will be developed in more detail in follow-on studies.

In addition, I will be very interested in your assessment of the impact of this program on the NFIP. I note that some of the projected enhancements would benefit our peacetime intelligence system, but it is not clear how much of the cost would have to be borne by the NFIP, perhaps causing trade-offs, and how much would be funded outside the NFIP.

A further concern in my mind has to do with how this intelligence study meshes with the overall planning effort on continuity of government. I would appreciate it if someone could brief me and other concerned officials of the State Department on this question.

As work proceeds on follow-up studies recommended in the NWMP-II report, please call on us for help in the preparation of plans affecting the intelligence community and our foreign policy interests. My point of contact on this subject will be Richard E. Curl (632-1344 black; 5239 or 2161 secure).


Hugh Montgomery

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